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Report Highlights:

This report presents China Customs agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodity trade data recorded from January through April 2005. Year to date agricultural, fishery, and forestry imports were \$10.8 billion of which \$2.8 billion originated from the United States. Leading imports from the world were soybeans, cotton, and untreated wood. China's agricultural, fishery, and forestry exports were \$10 billion, primarily processed aquatic products, woodenware, and corn.

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The Agricultural Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing provides this report for information purposes only. Readers should be aware that China Customs data in this report will not match other countries' export statistics due to the timing of exports (e.g., trade recorded in an exporting country in one month may not show up in China's data until the following month). Furthermore, values from one country to another will vary due to disparity in recording methods (e.g., FOB vs. CIF/landed price). Also, inconsistencies may exist as a result of Hong Kong or Macau re-export trade to or from China. Finally, some inconsistencies may result from different classification of goods (e.g., hard wheat from one country may be classified as durum by China).

"HTS" refers to Harmonized Tariff System. At the two, four, and six-digit level, tariff line items/descriptions for all countries are harmonized; more precise categories may differ between countries. Commodity descriptions are increasingly precise as the number of digits increase.

Additionally, it is useful to recognize that trade data for many of these commodities are more accurately depicted on a marketing year basis, as reported in individual commodity reports.

Highlights:

China Customs Reported Trade in the First Four Months of 2005		
	Jan-Apr 2005	Jan-Apr 2005
	All Commodities	Ag. Fish, and Forestry
Imports from the World:	\$196.9 billion	\$10.8 billion
Imports from the U.S.:	\$15.5 billion	\$2.8 billion
Exports to the World:	\$218.0 billion	\$10.0 billion
Exports to the U.S.:	\$45.8 billion	\$1.4 billion
Source: China Customs		

The United States remains China's largest supplier of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products. Soybeans (\$1.8 billion) remain the highest value import of any agricultural or non-agricultural commodity from the United States outpacing electronic integrated circuits (\$1.1 billion), powered aircraft (\$720 million), automatic data processors (\$442 million), paper and paperboard waste scraps (\$371 million), and cotton (\$287 million).

China's \$2.8 billion in agricultural, fishery, and forestry imports from the U.S. surpasses total imports from over 200 individual countries/customs territories including; France, Indonesia, Canada, Brazil, Italy, Iran, and the United Kingdom.

Although the import value of U.S. soybeans is \$300 million dollars less than the same period last year, import volumes are three hundred and fifty thousand metric tons greater. The decline in import value of U.S. cotton from the same period last year is attributable to the abnormal shortfall China experienced last year, but still well above the market value and volume for 2003 and prior years.

FAS China forecasts China's import value and volume of U.S. commodities will continue growing and the market remains a high priority for exporters of U.S. agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodities.

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by Origin

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Origin (\$Millions) through April								
		Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	% Share			% Change
Rank	Country	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	--World--	7,564	11,676	10,844	100%	100%	100%	-7%
1	United States	2,355	4,046	2,880	31%	35%	27%	-29%
2	Russia	623	720	967	8%	6%	9%	34%
3	Australia	500	674	801	7%	6%	7%	19%
4	Malaysia	570	776	730	8%	7%	7%	-6%
5	Thailand	533	665	656	7%	6%	6%	-1%
6	Canada	169	424	531	2%	4%	5%	25%
7	Brazil	261	507	507	3%	4%	5%	0%
8	Indonesia	324	484	460	4%	4%	4%	-5%
9	Argentina	137	524	341	2%	4%	3%	-35%
10	New Zealand	230	319	293	3%	3%	3%	-8%
11	France	145	104	242	2%	1%	2%	131%
12	Peru	42	101	182	1%	1%	2%	80%
13	Japan	109	113	128	1%	1%	1%	13%
14	Vietnam	93	114	120	1%	1%	1%	6%
15	Uzbekistan	44	163	116	1%	1%	1%	-29%
16	India	52	158	115	1%	1%	1%	-27%
17	Chile	56	78	110	1%	1%	1%	41%
18	Myanmar	57	72	107	1%	1%	1%	49%
19	Papua New Guinea	54	55	94	1%	0%	1%	71%
20	Korea, South	53	75	90	1%	1%	1%	20%
21	Germany	101	81	89	1%	1%	1%	9%
22	Zimbabwe	156	98	81	2%	1%	1%	-18%
23	United Kingdom	33	44	81	0%	0%	1%	83%
24	Denmark	58	67	76	1%	1%	1%	13%
25	Netherlands	40	57	70	1%	0%	1%	24%

Source: China Customs, Calendar Year January through April

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Port Territory

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Port Territory (\$Million) through April								
		Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	% Share			% Change
Rank	District	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	-All Districts-	7,564	11,676	10,844	100%	100%	100%	-7%
1	Qingdao	1,524	2,305	2,102	20%	20%	19%	-9%
2	Nanjing	1,079	1,692	1,577	14%	14%	15%	-7%
3	Shanghai	1,025	1,774	1,563	14%	15%	14%	-12%
4	Huangpu	334	722	699	4%	6%	6%	-3%
5	Tianjin	463	1,086	679	6%	9%	6%	-37%
6	Dalian	390	450	655	5%	4%	6%	46%
7	Shenzhen	735	849	596	10%	7%	5%	-30%
8	Guangzhou	419	343	334	6%	3%	3%	-3%
9	Xiamen	132	253	285	2%	2%	3%	13%
10	Ningbo	208	312	244	3%	3%	2%	-22%
11	Nanning	163	264	235	2%	2%	2%	-11%
12	Manzhouli	141	183	230	2%	2%	2%	26%
13	Harbin	144	175	230	2%	2%	2%	31%
14	Shijiazhuang	88	96	216	1%	1%	2%	124%
15	Hangzhou	110	173	199	1%	1%	2%	15%
16	Fuzhou	66	141	150	1%	1%	1%	6%
17	Zhanjiang	77	212	124	1%	2%	1%	-41%
18	Kunming	57	69	110	1%	1%	1%	60%
19	Jiangmen	39	43	106	1%	0%	1%	146%
20	Gongbei	84	122	94	1%	1%	1%	-23%
21	Hohhot	55	62	79	1%	1%	1%	27%
22	Beijing	51	66	56	1%	1%	1%	-15%
23	Zhengzhou	28	31	51	0%	0%	0%	65%
24	Urumqi	26	61	45	0%	1%	0%	-27%
25	Chongqing	2	15	43	0%	0%	0%	176%
Source: China Customs, Calendar Year January through April								

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the World (\$Millions) through April					
		Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	%
HS	Description	2003	2004	2005	Change
					05/04 -
	China's Imports of Worldwide Ag, Fish, and Forestry	7,564	11,676	10,844	-7%
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	5,532	9,485	8,101	-15%
	All Aquatic (edible)	557	638	928	46%
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	1,476	1,553	1,815	17%
120100	Soybeans	1,527	2,400	2,115	-12%
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	308	1,739	532	-69%
440320	Wood, coniferous, in the rough, not treated	315	349	434	24%
151190	Palm Oil, refined, not chemically modified	346	559	428	-23%
030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	223	272	379	39%
440399	Wood, nonconiferous, in the rough, not treated	275	253	347	37%
510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	240	270	324	20%
400122	Rubber, technically specified natural (TSNR)	147	243	320	32%
100190	Wheat (anything other than Durum) and Meslin	0	52	283	448%
150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	164	590	266	-55%
410150	Hides and Skins, whole, bovine or equine, >16kg	147	251	261	4%
230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	89	161	253	57%
100110	Wheat, Durum (not only Durum, but any hard wheat)	24	99	201	103%
240120	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	202	121	196	63%
440349	Wood, other tropical, in the rough, not treated	186	203	193	-5%
440799	Wood, nonconiferous, sawn, sliced, >6m	179	201	187	-7%
100300	Barley	142	106	172	63%
071410	Cassava (Manioc), fresh or dried, w/nt pellet	76	115	145	26%
400121	Rubber, natural, in smoked sheets	194	194	137	-30%
440729	Wood, other tropical, sawn/chipped lengthwise	84	91	115	27%
440710	Wood, coniferous, sawn/sliced >6mm	61	81	102	26%
030379	Fish, frozen, with bones, nesoi	72	62	99	60%
410210	Hides and Skins, sheep, wool-on, fresh, not tanned	40	49	78	60%
100630	Rice, semi-or wholly milled, polished	56	89	68	-24%
530121	Flax, broken or scutched	55	63	68	7%
Source: China Customs, Calendar Year January through April					

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the U.S. (\$Million) through April					
		Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	%
HS	Description	2003	2004	2005	Change
				05/04	-
	China's Imports of U.S. Ag, Fish, and Forestry	2,355	4,046	2,880	-28.83
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	2,231	3,860	2,633	-31.8
	All Aquatic (edible)	34	74	118	59.09
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	90	111	129	15.49
120100	Soybeans	1,393	2,145	1,815	-15.36
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	217	1,112	287	-74.19
410150	Hides and Skins, whole, bovine or equine, >16kg	105	168	169	0.7
440799	Wood, nonconiferous, sawn, sliced, >6m	49	54	57	4.84
100190	Wheat (anything other than Durum) and Meslin	0	20	34	66.61
030332	Plaice, frozen, excluding fillets	9	13	30	127.84
030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	7	25	29	13.48
030380	Fish, livers and roes, frozen	2	9	25	179.75
210690	Food Preparations, nesoi	34	46	25	-45.55
440399	Wood, nonconiferous, in the rough, not treated	11	16	23	40.5
020714	Chicken, frozen, cuts and edible offal incl.livers	113	52	22	-56.8
020649	Swine, frozen, edible offal, except livers	25	22	20	-11.39
040410	Whey and Mod. Whey, whether concentrated w/added sweetener	7	9	15	71.28
230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	12	21	15	-27.7
440791	Wood, Oak, sawn, sliced >6mm	6	9	13	48.88
030749	Cuttlefish and Squid, frozen, dried, salted or brined	2	7	13	88.08
230990	Animal Feed, excluding dog or cat, retail packages	14	12	13	3.98
050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	28	11	12	18.69
200410	Potatoes, frozen, prepared, etc.	11	12	11	-11.25
410330	Hides and Skins, swine, not pretanned or salted	0	2	11	388.12
100110	Wheat, Durum (not only Durum, but any hard wheat)	4	15	9	-36.65
330210	Food and drink, mixtures, odiferous substances	3	3	9	172.38
080810	Apples, fresh	5	8	9	7.82
440391	Wood, Oak, in the rough, not treated	3	6	8	37.77
440890	Wood, Veneer Sheets, nonconiferous, <6mm, nesoi	7	7	8	0.82
Source: China Customs, Calendar Year January through April					

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by Destination

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports by Destination (\$Million) through April								
		Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	% Share			% Change
Rank	Country	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	--World--	7,178	8,235	10,000	100%	100%	100%	21%
1	Japan	2,155	2,473	2,839	30%	30%	28%	15%
2	United States	800	1,098	1,354	11%	13%	14%	23%
3	Korea, South	712	666	941	10%	8%	9%	41%
4	Hong Kong	728	882	881	10%	11%	9%	0%
5	Germany	221	253	345	3%	3%	3%	36%
6	Russia	191	189	250	3%	2%	3%	32%
7	Netherlands	137	166	207	2%	2%	2%	25%
8	Malaysia	177	165	204	2%	2%	2%	24%
9	United Kingdom	121	146	191	2%	2%	2%	30%
10	Canada	88	134	169	1%	2%	2%	26%
11	Taiwan	126	142	159	2%	2%	2%	12%
12	Spain	49	73	139	1%	1%	1%	89%
13	Indonesia	163	127	138	2%	2%	1%	9%
14	Italy	80	86	121	1%	1%	1%	40%
15	Singapore	93	95	109	1%	1%	1%	14%
16	Belgium	49	53	101	1%	1%	1%	93%
17	Korea, North	44	69	100	1%	1%	1%	45%
18	Australia	57	87	96	1%	1%	1%	11%
19	Vietnam	82	63	96	1%	1%	1%	52%
20	Philippines	70	96	95	1%	1%	1%	-1%
21	Thailand	67	84	91	1%	1%	1%	9%
22	United Arab Emirates	31	62	89	0%	1%	1%	45%
23	France	55	65	89	1%	1%	1%	36%
24	India	63	70	78	1%	1%	1%	12%
25	Poland	48	73	53	1%	1%	1%	-27%

Source: China Customs, Calendar Year, January through April

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by Port Territory

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exporting Port Territories (\$Million) through April								
		Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	% Share			% Change
Rank	District	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	-All Districts-	7,178	8,235	10,000	100%	100%	100%	21%
1	Qingdao	1,579	1,862	2,413	22%	23%	24%	30%
2	Dalian	1,176	1,087	1,453	16%	13%	15%	34%
3	Shanghai	819	1,081	1,276	11%	13%	13%	18%
4	Shenzhen	658	791	834	9%	10%	8%	5%
5	Tianjin	583	647	751	8%	8%	8%	16%
6	Xiamen	341	458	554	5%	6%	6%	21%
7	Ningbo	365	451	553	5%	5%	6%	22%
8	Nanjing	288	303	371	4%	4%	4%	23%
9	Fuzhou	216	259	299	3%	3%	3%	15%
10	Huangpu	183	214	273	3%	3%	3%	28%
11	Guangzhou	148	198	202	2%	2%	2%	2%
12	Shantou	80	103	100	1%	1%	1%	-3%
13	Gongbei	68	84	96	1%	1%	1%	15%
14	Nanning	64	64	78	1%	1%	1%	21%
15	Zhanjiang	44	71	75	1%	1%	1%	5%
16	Harbin	83	72	66	1%	1%	1%	-8%
17	Changchun	38	24	58	1%	0%	1%	136%
18	Jiangmen	43	52	57	1%	1%	1%	8%
19	Chongqing	30	47	56	0%	1%	1%	19%
20	Shijiazhuang	50	42	55	1%	1%	1%	29%
21	Haikou	31	50	46	0%	1%	0%	-8%
22	Wuhan	36	51	45	1%	1%	0%	-12%
23	Nanchang	15	27	38	0%	0%	0%	38%
24	Kunming	24	31	35	0%	0%	0%	14%
25	Shenyang	55	23	31	1%	0%	0%	38%

Source: China Customs, Calendar Year January through April

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits (\$Million) through April					
		Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	%
HS	Description	2003	2004	2005	Change
					- 05/04 -
	China's Export of Ag, Fish, and Forestry Products to the World	7,178	8,235	10,000	21%
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	4,793	5,140	6,098	19%
	All Aquatic (edible)	1,348	1,716	2,070	21%
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	1,038	1,378	1,832	33%
030420	Fish, frozen fillets	320	410	502	22%
160419	Fish, prepared or preserved, whole or in pieces	263	352	369	5%
442190	Wood, articles, nesoi	215	254	299	18%
100590	Corn (Maize), other than seed	468	132	287	118%
441219	Wood, plywood, both outer layers coniferous, <6mm both sides	65	120	222	85%
160590	Molluscs, prepared or preserved	104	136	197	45%
030379	Fish, frozen, with bones, nesoi	116	137	177	30%
200979	Apple Juice, nesoi, not fortified, unfermented	96	140	172	23%
441229	Wood, plywood, 1 outer layer hardwood, nesoi	29	73	166	127%
160232	Chicken meat or offal, prepared or preserved, nesoi	146	54	165	208%
050400	Animal (not fish) guts, bladders, stomachs, parts	111	173	163	-5%
200590	Vegetables and mix., nesoi, prepared or preserved, not frozen	97	127	163	28%
020329	Swine meat, frozen, nesoi	62	101	143	41%
160520	Shrimp and Prawns, prepared or preserved	55	105	141	33%
070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	100	113	140	23%
440920	Wood, nonconiferous, tongued, grooved, or molded	46	42	133	214%
120220	Peanuts, raw, shelled, broken or not	116	103	122	19%
071290	Vegetables and mixtures, nesoi, dried	106	105	122	16%
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	62	114	111	-3%
200310	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved, excluding vinegar	108	130	109	-16%
080810	Apples, fresh	64	94	103	10%
441900	Wood, Tableware and Kitchenware	86	85	102	19%
200811	Peanuts, prepared or preserved, nesoi	77	85	98	16%
442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	74	87	96	10%
200290	Tomato Paste	50	64	95	47%

Source: China Customs, Calendar Year January through April

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits (\$Million) through April					
		Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	% Change
HS	Description	2003	2004	2005 - 05/04	-
	China's Export of Ag, Fish, and Forestry Products to the U.S.	800	1,098	1,354	23%
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	332	470	528	12%
	All Aquatic (edible)	214	266	307	15%
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	254	362	519	43%
030420	Fish, frozen fillets	92	117	163	39%
442190	Wood, articles, nesoi	68	81	92	14%
200979	Apple Juice, nesoi, not fortified, unfermented	36	74	72	-3%
441229	Wood, plywood, 1 outer layer hardwood, nesoi	12	29	71	145%
441219	Wood, plywood, both outer layers coniferous, <6mm	13	37	68	85%
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	26	52	49	-6%
440920	Wood, nonconiferous, tongued, grooved, or molded	11	8	39	378%
442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	35	38	38	-2%
441400	Wooden, frames, paintings, mirrors, etc.	31	33	37	10%
441820	Wooden, doors and doorframes and thresholds	6	18	33	85%
200830	Citrus fruit (incl. Mixtures), prepared, etc. nesoi	29	30	29	-4%
050400	Animal (not fish) guts, bladders, stomachs, parts	19	27	27	-1%
441213	Wood, plywood at least one outer layer tropical	4	17	24	39%
160590	Molluscs, prepared or preserved	9	9	23	147%
071290	Vegetables and mixtures, nesoi, dried	22	19	21	10%
160520	Shrimp and Prawns, prepared or preserved	36	22	20	-8%
160510	Crab, prepared or preserved	7	12	18	49%
441119	Wood, fiberboard and lign. material density >.8g/cm3, nesoi	1	2	18	835%
200310	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved excluding by vinegar	7	21	17	-19%
160419	Fish, prepared or preserved, whole or in pieces	8	10	15	43%
441900	Wood, tableware and kitchenware	11	11	14	27%
441890	Wood, builders joinery and carpentry, nesoi	5	8	14	75%
200590	Vegetables and mix., nesoi, prepared or preserved, not frozen	8	13	14	9%
180400	Cocoa Butter, Fat and Oil	1	7	14	98%
170490	Sugar, confections (including white chocolate) no cocoa, other	6	9	13	42%
Source: China Customs, Calendar Year January through April					